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A Senior's Farewell

By
ANN WARD

Always, in the last analysis of some past venture, we are able to see facts and events clearly, and tend to condemn and pass judgment in a critical vein . . . what might have been is the criterion by which our standards are set. Then there follows the inevitable rationalization and excuses, which constitute the shield for our ever-vulnerable egos. As seniors, we have reached the end of the bridge that should have carried us from immaturity to a more stable outlook and lengthened horizons. The span of the gulf, over which we have passed in this little analogy, is long and deep, and has had many under-currents . . . each of us as individuals have in reality crossed an entirely different course, and it remains for each of us to evaluate our own triumphs and defeats. But there is one thing that we, collectively have in common . . . by accident or by design, we have been enjoined by the element of time. Other personal objectives have been commensurate in forming various bonds of friendship that will either remain with us or pass, as did the time that threw us together. Either way, we have gained. As a group, we have gained, and the future contains nostalgia, whenever we shall sentimentalize about the Class of '50. The TIME that brought us together and made of us a group will never repeat its performance and it can never be kind enough to allow us a repeat performance. The bridge, for better or for worse, has served its purpose, and we are now, not only separated from one another, but, forever, we are separated from the instrument of our support. In the last analysis, for whatever it is worth, we prepare for the ominous and daringly hopeful future. In the last analysis, we are preparing for further "last analyses," and, again daringly, we

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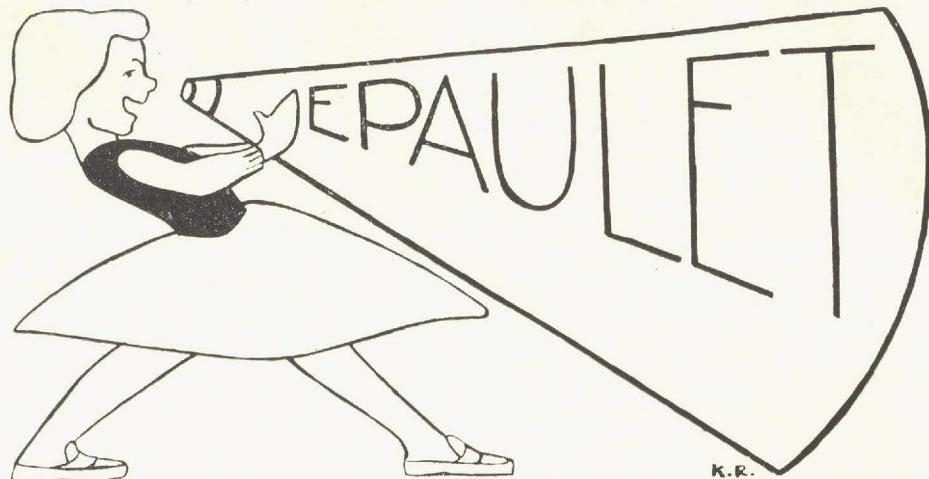
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We want to thank Marjorie Clark for the wonderfully appealing covers she has designed for us this year, and express our regrets that she won't be back at M. W. C. to continue next year. Good luck, Marjorie!



A Growing Concern

By
JOAN DIEHL

Now that the new staff has taken over, it seems appropos that the future purpose and plans of The Epaulet should be made known to you.

The purpose of The Epaulet, not being clearly defined in the past should first of all be restated. As a product of the English department, The Epaulet, sponsored by Dr. George E. Shankle and entirely independent of administrative support, is essentially a literary magazine. Its aim is the preservation of creative ability, clear thinking and informative writing done not merely by English majors and the members of the staff, but by every student of Mary Washington College with the desire for self-expression. We are asking you, the students, to make it your magazine and to come to us with suggestions throughout the coming year.

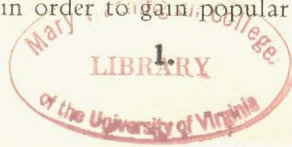
The plans for next year include not only an increase in the size of the staff to gain more efficiency in organization, but also an increase in the thickness of the magazine. Through a diversification of articles, stressing those of timely interest, we hope to create a new enthusiasm in everyone.

The Epaulet, being a literary magazine, does not feel it necessary to resort to the decadence of a second-rate humor magazine, filled with obscenities, in order to gain popular appeal.

We know that every college student wants to be proud of the publications of his school. This should hold true even more so at Mary Washington, where pride is stimulated by the physical beauty of the school . . . where construction is underway with an even brighter promise for the years to come . . . where we point with pride and say, "This is our campus, one of the most beautiful in the country!" So should it be with a college magazine . . . a growing concern, a thing of which we speak with pride. And this is what we shall do our best to bring you.

Although we want to make The Epaulet a growing concern physically, it will become a growing concern in the other sense of the word, *concern*, unless we have your support behind us one hundred per cent. A good magazine naturally depends on your support not only morally but financially. An increase in circulation *alone* will give us the means to enlarge the magazine, secure national advertising and meet the costs of additional illustrations, colored covers, cartoons and photographs. It all depends on you, our fellow students!

The Battlefield, The Bullet and The Epaulet plan to conduct a coordinated drive for one hundred percent subscription to all three publications next fall. We hope that you will join the enthusiasm and spirit behind this drive with the guarantee of a better newspaper, yearbook and magazine.



Since Mayor H. Lewis Wallace tossed the first shovelful of dirt to start the excavation for Francis Willard Hall on December 14th, 1909, Mary Washington College has grown to astounding proportions both physically and scholastically. In a relatively few, short years, our school, having been nourished by the efficient foresight and planning of Dr. Morgan L. Combs, and in having escaped the green years of adolescence, has developed into the largest and most beautiful woman's college in the state of Virginia. Ours is a history which every student should know and take pride in; ours is a future which does not require an idealist to visualize even greater realizations of a past dream; ours is a present in which the students should set a living example of progress and united efforts in obtaining the greatest possible benefits from and contributing to this far too short-lived world of beauty and knowledge. The greatest mistake the student makes is in not taking advantage of a wealth of opportunity until it is too late. The time to realize the value of our college is the first day of entrance instead of the day we graduate. In most cases, only then does the full import of our environment strike us as pride swells in our hearts. As our college rose from obscurity to the highest ranks so should our loyalty develop steadily and increasingly with the years. The limits of our devotion should be such that they can be exceeded by none.

The phenomenal growth of Mary Washington College began with the presidency of Dr. Combs. In 1929 the campus contained 60 acres in contrast to the present 381 acres. Its beauty is known throughout the South. On these 60 acres were two and a half buildings which are now familiar to all students. They were Francis Willard Hall, Monroe Hall, and one section of Virginia Hall. These housed approximately 400 students, making Mary Washington College the smallest woman's college

in the state. Today it is the largest college of its kind in the state and one of the largest in the United States with an enrollment of over 1500 students. The residence halls have increased from three to fourteen beautiful, well-located buildings.

Scholastic standards have kept pace with the physical growth. In 1929, at the time of Dr. Combs' inauguration to a small teacher's training school, students wishing to study a language other than English, could choose either Latin or French. Today, the choice includes, in addition to these, Greek, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian. Not only has the language department been extremely enlarged, but the English department under the leadership of Dr. George E. Shankle, has received full recognition for its enlarged competent staff and curriculum, and a raising of standards in the department. The Science department is widely known especially for its valuable and famous Mendel Museum, the only one of its kind in the United States. Students wishing to major in Psychology will find all their needs satisfied by this department, which is headed by Dr. Eileen K. Dodd. The History department also is such that it is rated one of the finest of its kind in the South. Members of the Art department have achieved many honors in their field also. For example, Mr. Julien Binford is widely known for his murals in the Greenwich Savings Bank in New York City. The Dramatics department has advanced rapidly in the past few years with their own radio station and the touring plays. These are only a few of the thirty departments of Mary Washington College which have served to raise the academic standards of the school. Twenty-one years ago there were only ten departments of study.

The teaching staff in 1929 numbered 29, and today it has 92. The earned degrees of the faculty members have increased from four Ph.D.'s and eleven M.A.'s to forty-two Ph.D.'s and thirty-five M.A.'s, many

Our

*(the first in a series of articles
that present the facts.)*

having been obtained in famous European universities. Our admission requirements have been raised to the upper half of the high school graduating class. Our college is now a member in the Association of American Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Southern Association of Colleges for Women, a far advance over the state normal school it once was known as. The number of yearly graduates has been increased from 46 to 240 in the past two decades, and many of these graduates have continued on to graduate school with a fully adequate scholastic background. The curricula in the various departments has also grown from 87 to 293 courses. Each year more offerings have been added to the ever-growing courses of study until today, we as students at this college, may find all our needs supplied for a well-rounded liberal arts education. Our academic needs are still being provided for by the new building program now being put into action by President Combs. This will provide a new student activities building to be added to the indoor pool, and

College

By

BARBARA RUSH

a fine arts building which will consist of four sections—an art section, a music wing, a main building, and a little theater. Part of this building program now under way consists of two additional wings to the dining hall, new heating, storage, and cold storage plants, and a new infirmary. After this group is finished our needs will be well-met except for dormitories. Dr. Combs has announced that he is now looking for relief in that direction.

E. Lee Trinkle Library, one of the most beautiful architectural achievements on the campus, houses approximately 80,000 books and has accommodations for 150,000. C. H. Russell, Mary Washington's first president, in recalling his first days on the campus, has spoken of the beginnings of the library here which contained only a Hagerstown almanac. In the twenty years of Dr. Combs' presidency there has been an increase of 70,000 books in this collection. Under the management of Dr. Carroll Quenzel this library is known and recognized throughout the South. The library staff has been enlarged from one to nine full-time members.

Originally Mary Washington College had students from the state of Virginia alone. Today the geographic origin of the student body has expanded beyond Virginia to include thirty-eight states and eight foreign countries. This naturally serves to enlarge the point of view of the students at the college, to encourage an infiltration of future leading citizens of Virginia, and to spread the good name of our school. Its other cosmopolitan aspects include lyceum programs that bring world famous symphonies, operas, the Ballet Russe, and stars of the entertainment world. The many famous visitors to Mary Washington include Princess von Bayern of Bavaria and Madame Pandit, who were brought here by the influential and popular instructor of Philosophy, Dr. Kurt Leidecker.

In 1944 Mary Washington College was made the women's college of the University of Virginia. This was the result of a long and frustrating struggle, and success was due mainly to the untiring efforts of Dr. Combs. Dr. Combs is not only responsible for the rise of academic rank and increase in building and ground, but also for much of the ingenious physical planning that makes the campus such a rare and beautiful jewel. His fine artistic eye and flair for horticulture have combined to develop well-kept and breath-taking trees, hedges, flowers, and lovely settings of all three. At the twentieth anniversary celebration of Dr. Combs' presidency, Colgate W. Darden, president of the University of Virginia described Mary Washington as "the length and shadow of Morgan L. Combs."

Recently Mary Washington acquired Brompton, historic shrine of the Old Dominion, which is now the home of President and Mrs. Combs. The restoration of this estate has added beauty and splendor not only to the college, but it has become also an asset to the state of Virginia.

In the April 10, and April 14, 1950 issues of the Richmond News Leader, the expenses of the purchases

and the renovation of Brompton, Marye Hall, Margaret Brent Hall, Framar, Trench Hill and Spotswood were criticized. However, it should be known that these buildings were all "good buys" and could be sold at profit-making prices today. They were purchased to meet housing emergencies for an ever-increasing enrollment, instead of sacrificing the growth of our college to an inability to meet demands for room space. No appropriations have been made for dormitories since the college was first established, and of the 381 acres of land the college grounds embrace, not one foot was purchased at the expense of the taxpayers of Virginia. Brompton was also bought and restored with the college special fund, and serves not only as a state shrine but as a functional residence for the president of the college. In the past forty-two years the taxpayers have contributed less than \$1,000,000 for capital outlays to Mary Washington College, not including unexpended appropriations. However, the capital investments of the college at this time are estimated to be worth more than \$7,500,000 and could not be replaced for \$10,000,000. The above facts will indicate that for the past twenty-five years our college has been 85% self-supporting. Again we attribute such excellent management of funds to the sagacity of Dr. Morgan L. Combs, who secured gifts and loans at small interest rates at the right time and looked toward the future.

Let the Richmond papers scream; but let us never give them the satisfaction of having reduced the pride we take in our college nor the respect and admiration we have for our president. Let us hope our college grows and grows, until some day Mary Washington College takes first place in American universities and Dr. Morgan L. Combs is proclaimed the leading American College president.

If you are one of the lucky and honored few who have been asked to June Week at Annapolis, you have a wonderful experience in store for you. It is undoubtedly the most memorable and romantic occasion in the annals of the Navy. It is a wonderful feeling to realize that you are part of the pageantry and color that blossoms forth at this time. No matter what class you are dragging, from the lowest plebe, who may be dragging for the first time, to the highest first classman, who has "no more rivers to cross," it will be an unforgettable moment.

June Week usually begins on the last weekend in May and ends with graduation on the following Friday. It is officially begun with the annual spirited rivalry with the boys from the Hudson. This year the biggest game to be played at Annapolis will be baseball. President Truman will no doubt attend the game and start it off with the tossing of the ball onto the diamond. Then "Beat Army!" After the game an informal will be held. That night while the First and Third classes go to a hop in Dahlgren hall, the Second class come into their own with their Ring Dance in Macdonough hall. In the days of yore, when the second class received their rings, they were tossed into the Severn and christened. This practice was discontinued when one midshipman was drowned, and now the Ring Dance is recognized as *the* dance of the entire four years at the Academy.

The Ring Dance begins with dinner in the Mess Hall, and be impressed, for it is the only time a drag rates eating there. You will eat with your drag's company, receive baby orchids (especially flown in from Hawaii for the occasion), and receive a much thought-over favor. Rumor has it that this year's favor will be a silver bracelet decorated with the class of '52's crest on a raised ring.

After dinner you will go to Macdonough Hall, where the Naval Academy band is holding sway. The Hall will be decorated in an extremely elaborate way. During the pro-

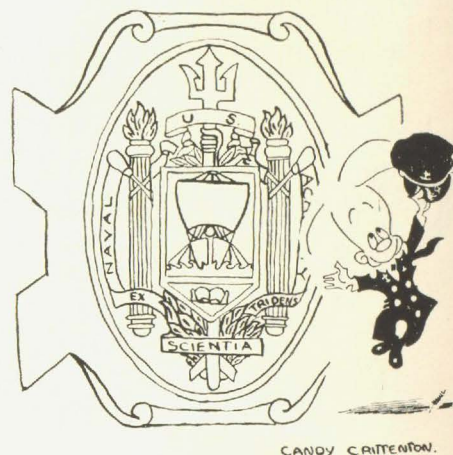
gress of the evening, you will tie your drag's ring around your neck with a blue ribbon, have your picture taken and, most important, dip his ring into the waters of the seven seas before you pass through the huge replica of the class ring that dominates one end of the hall. Then later, when the lights dim and the music slows down, you will put the ring on his finger. "The ring which you will present to your escort tonight and which will be worn throughout his naval career bears his class crest and the Naval Academy seal, symbolizing respectively the comradeship of his class and their loyalty to the service."

Sunday is called "Sob Sunday." This is the day the Baccalaureate Sermon is given to the first class. The name "Sob Sunday" comes from the days when the underclassmen weeped and wailed for the first class on their last Sunday as Midshipman. At one time the expression of 'sadness' became so great that huge sponges and buckets of water, or tears, were carried into the Chapel. The moans and groans were uncalled for and so interrupted the sermon that now **only** the first class and guests attend the service.

That afternoon the midshipman's band gives a concert in Thompson Stadium and the Glee Club give their concert in Mahan Hall that night. If you are not a music lover, there is of course, the great navy sport, sailing. So shorts, bathing suit or jeans are in order.

On Monday morning the presentation of athletic and extracurricular awards are made in Thompson Stadium. That afternoon the Dance Orchestra, or NA 10, give their concert in Mahan Hall. Maybe a cross-country hike or a company picnic has been planned. So go prepared with some sports clothes. You're not the athletic type? Then take along a few extra cottons for the movies and informals.

Monday night while all four classes have a hop in Dahlgren and Macdonough Halls, the Navy "N" winners, the athletes, have the "N" Dance



in their honor at the boat house or Hubbard Hall. You will have dinner there, and receive, as a favor, a small gold Navy "N." Then there will be dancing on the float, lighted by Japanese lanterns hung around the water's edge.

Tuesday afternoon will be a demonstration of trick and fancy shooting at Farragut Field. Following that is a band concert and then the Brigade Parade on Warden Field. The parade will be for the purpose of presenting prizes to the outstanding members of the Brigade. That night a first class hop will be held in Memorial Hall and the "E" Dance in Macdonough Hall. The "E" Dance is given in honor of the midshipmen that have excelled in extracurricular activities at the Naval Academy.

Wednesday morning the drill events will be held. There will be exhibitions of all kinds, sailing, gunnery, engineering, seamanship and navigation. That afternoon the picturesque Color Parade will be held on Warden Field. The Color Parade is the climax of all the company competition that has been going on since the first day the Brigade was formed in the fall. The competition consists of rivalry in inter-company sports, drilling, and almost every aspect of Navy life. The company commander of the color company has the honor of choosing the color girl. When the Brigade has formed on the field, the color girl then transfers the colors, the American flag and the Brigade flag, from last year's

June Week In "Crabtown"

By

PAT LANCASTER

color company to the new one. Then her escort kisses her while the entire Brigade of Midshipmen raise their hats and cheer.

That night there will be movies for the second and fourth classes, a special hop for the third class and the Superintendent's garden party for the graduating class. The Youngster Hop will be held in Macdonough Hall. It is special for the third class for it is the first time they have rated a hop all their own, and as an added attraction your pictures are taken.

The Superintendent's garden party is a gala affair. It is one of the most intimate formal gatherings at the Academy, and it is when you and your drag's family meet the admiral.

On Thursday morning there will be an air show by the Navy "Blue Angels," a flight exhibition team, over Farragut Field. Thursday night in Dahlgren and Macdonough Halls the Farewell Ball will take place. The Halls will be decorated with the traditional Navy blue and gold. It used to have a special significance to the plebes, for it was their first hop with the Brigade, but now they rate going to the hop on Monday night. It is still, though, the last hop the first class attends as midshipmen. After the ball is over, tradition has it, that the plebes spend the night on top of their lockers, as the first class have their last night as Midshipmen.

On Friday the Graduation exercises are held in Dahlgren Hall. At the conclusion of the graduation speech, usually given by the Secretary of the Navy, and the passing out of the most important diploma, the first

class stand at attention and sing their alma mater "The Navy Blue and Gold." The underclass then cheer the new ensigns, "Three cheers for the boys who leave us," and the ensigns, "Three cheers for those we leave behind." "Hip Hip Hooray!" And the ensigns' caps go sailing up to the roof of the hall. Your drag is officially made an ensign when his mother puts one shoulder board on him and you put on the other.

On Friday afternoon your drag will have liberty, and June Week is officially over. If you are an early riser you might like to see him off on cruise bright and early Saturday morning. Everyone is on the docks to say good-bye, and the Navy band serenades with appropriate songs, such as "Now is the Hour," and "Red Sails in the Sunset." The new first and third class for there are "no mo' plebes," go on cruise, or leave, depending upon which cruise they have. Tradition says that your drag will remain a third classman until he sees the Chapel dome, returning from cruise. It is then that he may officially be called a youngster. The second class has an air cruise, and the en-

signs have leave. Their class is forever separated.

Thus June Week, with all its pageantry, color, and romance is over, over for the ensigns, and just beginning for the new plebes that enter in the summer.

Biology Prof.: Where do jelly fish get their jelly?

Freshman: From ocean currents, I guess.

Lab Section—A two-hour period during which one puts into practice what he didn't learn in lecture.

—"the Turn-Out"

"Why aren't you going with her anymore?"

"Well, she wasn't pretty, didn't have any money, and married Joe. So, I took the advice of friends and dropped her."

—John Hopkins Jaywalker"

A smart girl doesn't have to watch the speedometer to know what her boyfriend is driving at.

—"Penn State Froth"



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A TRIBUTE

By

JOAN DIEHL

Among the treasured traditions at
Mary Washington . . . there shines a living one . .
our Dean of Women . . . who stands upon an
invisible but eternal pedestal . . . a sturdy
base, built of her deep aesthetic appreciation . . .
her wonderful sense of humor . . . her
unmatched brilliance and goodness . . . her subtlty . .
her charm and graciousness . . . her easy efficiency . .
and her singular ability to radiate to others
a desire to live the good life.



To The Class of '50

By

CYNTHIA MEDLEY

"Study, study, study! To you—graduates of 1950, may I say that these four years will determine the course of your whole life. Have you often wondered how your college subjects will benefit you in later years. To you students, I shall answer this question by saying that if you intend to work for a master's degree, a Bachelor of Arts is necessary. This alone should certainly spur you onward. And furthermore graduates, you—yes you and only you can reshape this world into a new and better form. Only you, the youth of America can determine its future. Our hearts are with you." These were the words of Dr. Madelaine Pommering, former Mary Washington student who is now an established writer in America as well as Europe. The students of MWC were most honored to have Dr. Pommering visit the campus and she graciously consented to express these few words in behalf of the oncoming graduates. As it was stated previously, Dr. Pommering was a former student graduating with honors in English. Afterwards she completed work for her Master's degree and she now holds a Ph.D. in English. She has been the author of numerous books including, *E. A. Robinson—His Philosophy at the Age of Two*, *Tennyson's Physical Features As Seen in the 'Higher Pantheism,'* *Archibald MacLeish in Relation to the Sanscrit Language* plus many novels of fiction which include *Hark! The Sunshine* and *Me-*

lanie Byrd. However the purpose of this article was not only to have her say a few words of wisdom to our graduates but also to give credit to Dr. Pommering's new edition of modern poetry, entitled simply *Modern Poetry*. Among this invaluable collection, several of the author's own words are included and she has kindly allowed us to print one here for the student's to read. As only Dr. Pommering could say, "I hope this simple little poem of the modern school will help contribute to a basic philosophy which undoubtedly so many of the girls are grouping for. I remember when I was about to become a graduate, I too was uncertain as to what I really wanted from life. In fact, that is primarily what prompted me to write this poem. I hope it shall help you." And here it is:

ONCE

Once—yes once I was a child!
Mad, insecure, juvenile
unsure;
unsure of life . . .
As it is now—but now, now you
say?
Marchez toutes hommes, marchez!
The moon shone clear one night,
And my peuter cup stood
On the shelf—so long, so long
Once, ah once, but now no more
There is no hope, no way, no turn
Fate spoke and I lay prostrate
And my peuter cup was alone—
again!
Marchez toutes hommes, marchez!
Dr. Pommering received the Boet-

tiger Award as well as the Pulitzer Prize for this magnificent verse which is so brief, yet says so much. The whole poem expresses quite clearly, Dr. Pommering's philosophical viewpoints. When asked if there were also any personal experiences which prompted her to write the poem, she said, "Yes, I credit my four years at Mary Washington for giving me the inspiration to compose the poem." Those words of this remarkable woman should certainly add a bit of encouragement to our forthcoming graduates.

It is with deep humility that we honor this former alumnus and now renowned poet. May the class of '50 look to Dr. Pommering and thus create within themselves a much greater amount of self-confidence. Good luck class of '50!



"Papa, what is the difference between prosperity and depression?"
"Well my boy," Papa replied. "In prosperity we have wine, women, and song; but in depression all we have is beer, Mother, and the radio."

Advice for the lovelorn.
My lady, be wary of Cupid
And heed to the lines of this verse,
To let a fool kiss you is stupid;
To let a kiss fool you is worse.
—"the Yale Record"

Tw'as in a cafe they first met,
Romeo and Juliet;
Tw'as there he first ran into debt,
For Rom-e-oed what Jul-i-et.

—
"Tell me John, why do they use
knots instead of miles on the ocean?"

"Because, darling, they've got to
have the ocean tide."

—
This isn't only done at Charlottes-
ville:

Voice on phone: "John Smith is
sick today and can't come to class.
He requested me to notify you."

Professor: "All right. Who is this
speaking?"

Voice: "This is my roommate."
—"Spectator"

—
For Chemistry Majors.
Professor: "What does HNO₃
stand for?"

Student: "I've got it on the tip of
my tongue, but I can't remember."

Professor: "Spit it out, my friend,
it is Nitric Acid."

—
The weaker sex is the stronger sex
because of the weakness of the strong-
er sex fo rthe weaker sex.

—"Polaris"

—
Tommy Manville's favorite.
"She's just a chimney sweep's
daughter, but she soots me fine."

—"The Old Line"

—
J.B.R.: "He's cleaned up a for-
tune in crooked dough."

B.K.P.: "What was he anyhow, a
counterfeiter?"

J.B.R.: "No, a pretzel manu-
facturer."

—
He courted a gem of a girl
And told her that she was his pearl.
But when they were married,
Her ma came and tarried,

Though he didn't like mother of
pearl.

—
Parasite: A person who goes
through a revolving door without
pushing.

—"Polaris"

He held her close as the music drift-
ed into a dreamy waltz.

She: "Doesn't this dance make
you long for another?"

He: "Yes, but she couldn't come
tonight."

—"the Log"

—
He: "Look darling, here is a dia-
mond ring for you."

She: "It is beautiful but the dia-
mond has a flaw in it."

He: "You should not notice that.
Why you are in love and love is
blind."

She: "Yes, but not stone blind."

—
A tongue-twister.
A canner exceedingly canny,
One morning remarked to his
granny;

"A canner can can
Anything that he can,
But a canner can't can a can, can
he?"

—
A common mistake.
"The laundry made a mistake and
sent me the wrong shirt. The collar
is so tight that I can hardly breathe."

"No, that is your shirt all right,
but you've got your head through
the button hole."

—"Spectator"

—
Said a monkey, as he swung by his
tail,

To the little monkeys, female and
male,

From your offspring my dears,
In a few million years,
May evolve a professor at Yale.

—
The old line.
She: You're the kind of man a girl
can trust.

He: Haven't I met you before?
Your faith is familiar.

—"the Yale Record"

—
To our new Editor:
The student gets the magazine,
(25c)

The school gets the fame, (????)
The printer gets the money, (\$\$\$)

The editor gets the blame. (*?*)
—"the Turn-Out"



SUE CA

First Drunk: Say did you hear
the story of the dog that swallowed
the tape measure?

Second Drunk: And died by
inches?

First Drunk: No, not that one.

Second Drunk: Oh then it is the
one where the dog crawled into the
alley and died by the yard.

First Drunk: No, not that one
either.

Second Drunk: Well, it must be
the other. He crawled under the bed
and died by the foot.

First Drunk: Wrong again.

Second Drunk: Well then, what
is it?

First Drunk: Why, his master
caught him eating the tape measure
and whipped him so hard that he
died by the rod.

And then the second drunk faint-
ed, bumped his head on the stove
and died by the meter.

—"the Old Line"

—
Papa Gnu came home and Mamma
Gnu looked at him and said: "Dear,
I've got Gnus for you."

—"Johns Hopkins Jaywalker"

—
Gentlemen prefer blondes.

Harry: What shall I say about the
two peroxide blondes who made
such a fuss at the game?

Walter: Just say that the bleachers
went wild.

—"Polaris"

—
She was only the stableman's
daughter, but all the horsemen knew
her.

g Jokes



ORKMAN

A shoulder strap is responsible for keeping an attraction from being a sensation.

—"Spectator"

He: Does the moon affect the tide?
She: No, only the untied.

He held her tenderly in his arms as he inquired, "Darling, am I the first man you've ever loved?"

"Yes, my sweet," she cooed. "All the rest were kay-dets."

—"the Log"

Mary had a little swing
It wasn't hard to find
For everywhere that Mary went
The swing was right behind.

—"Penn State Froth"

Fact?!

The smallest man in history is the Roman soldier who went to sleep on his watch.

Her expression is so sour that when she puts face cream on, it curdles.

—"Polaris"

There was a young lady named Reba

Who was wooed by an amorous amoeba.

This wee bit of jelly
Would crawl on her belly
And tenderly murmur, "Ich liebe."

—"the Yale Record"

Two old maids went for a tramp in the woods; but, he got away.

To Floridians of M.W.C.

The Florida beach and blue sea looked inviting to the tourist from the North, but before venturing into the water he wanted to be sure it was safe. "Are there any alligators here?" he inquired of a native Floridian.

"Oh no," replied the native, "There are no alligators here."

Reassured, the tourist went into the water. After swimming out some distance, he called back:

"Are you sure that there aren't any alligators here?"

"Of course I'm sure," shouted the Floridian. "They never come around here. They're afraid of the sharks."

—"the Old Line"

The major menaces on the highways are drunken driving, uncontrolled thumbing, and indiscriminately spooning.

To put it briefly: hick, hike, and hug.

—"Penn State Froth"

"Four out of five women haters are women."

The only trouble with lipstick is that it doesn't.

—"the Log"

Then there was the girl who would soak her strapless evening gown in coffee so it would stay up all night.

The more lawyers, the longer the case.

The more doctors, the shorter the case.

He: Will you marry me?

She: No, I'm afraid not.

He: Oh, come on, be a support.

There was an old fellow of Trinity
Who solved the square root of Infinity.

But it gave him such fidgets

To count up the digits,

He chucked Math and took up Divinity.

—"Spectator"

Drunk: Watch yer looking for?

Cop: We're looking for a drowned man.

Drunk: Watch ya want one for?
the Log

Judge: "Rastus, do you realize that by leaving your wife you are becoming a deserter?"

Rastus: "Judge, if you know'd that woman like I does, you wouldn't call me a deserter, I'se a refugee."

the Log

The battleship was in port and visitors were being shown around. The guide was exhibiting a bronze tablet on the deck.

Guide: "And this was where our gallant captain fell."

Little old lady: "Well, no wonder, I nearly tripped on the damned thing myself."

Turn-Out.

A famous maestro had a tough time trying to decide whether to marry a beautiful dumb girl or a rather painful looking creature with a beautiful soprano voice. Art finally triumphed, he married the soprano. The morning after nuptials, he woke up looked at her and said: "For gosh sakes, Sing."

Masquerader.

A grave-digger, absorbed in his thoughts, dug a grave so deep that he could not get out. Came night-fall, his predicament became more and more uncomfortable. He shouted for help and at last attracted a drunk.

"Get me out of here," he shouted. "I'm cold!"

"The drunk looked into the grave and at last distinguished the form of the uncomfortable grave-digger."

"No wonder you're cold," he said. "You haven't any dirt on you."

Lampoon.

Customer: "Please give me change for a dime."

Clerk: "Here you are. Hope you enjoy the sermon."

the Log

Heard in an incubator: "Last one out is a rotten egg!"

the Log



STREAM CALLED LIFE

By

CATHERINE ANN JONES



I'd like to forget all troubles,
Just forget and be happy
Drifting down the stream called life.
But while I'm drifting,
I'd like a pen and brush,
So I could sketch life as I go by.
What have I seen thus far
Down that stream?
What will I see when farther
I shall go?
And what will I see
When I disembark?
I've seen thus far a land
Of love and joy,
A hope and a faith that
Guides my bark—
The colors of my canvas
Are blended now with warmth—
The reds, the purples, and the orange,
All the brilliance of summer.
As my bark strikes the rough
And the ventures of the world,
The stream of summer will have passed,
And the waves of winter will then roar.
On my canvas will I paint
Of that future, I now know not—
As I go drifting down—
Down the stream called life.
And when my life's twilight nears,
May I anchor my bark
Before the gate of heaven.
And there I'll have eternal rest—
Forget all troubles and woe—
I'll be happy—and rest—
Rest from drifting down
The stream called life.

Knowledge *First Weapon To Fight Communism*

By CANDY CRITTENTON

Democracy and capitalism are being challenged throughout the world. Our own country is no exception. Socialism and Communism, twins born out of nineteenth century Marxism, have been advocated by increasing numbers of less far-seeing people in Europe and America for over half a century. Communism triumphed in Russia as a result of the upheaval attendant on World War I. Both Communism and Socialism have made great headway in other countries because of the disturbing effects of that war on existing political and economic systems. Fascism was entirely a post World War I movement, originating in Italy because of the collapse of the old order brought on by this war, and spreading to Germany as a result of chaos created in that country by the effects of her defeat in the war. Just as Democracy, then, spread throughout Europe in the last century because of the disturbing effects of the Napoleonic Wars and swept the older order before it, so World War I set in motion forces which threaten the existence of the prevailing system. Industrial capitalism developed at the same time that Democracy was securing its foothold and in many respects the two have become synonymous. Hence the challenge to one usually carries with it a threat to the other. Many of these threats from other philosophies of government culminated in World War II. Prior to the entry of the U. S. into the past war, there were many subversive groups plotting and working toward the overthrow of our system of Democracy. This country was alert to that threat prior to its entry into the war. But it must be realized that the results of this war are as yet indefinable. Communism still remains as much of a threat as ever. The study of these various movements is important. They are a significant part of our culture as conditions stand today. Ignoring them will not defeat

them.

In the following pages I shall try to present as clear a picture as I can from research, the role played by the Communist party in the U. S. In so doing I shall deal with the founding of that party in America, its philosophy, characteristics, techniques used, and present day leaders.

The Communist party in the U. S. was born in 1919, 38 years ago, in Chicago, Illinois at a convention of delegates representing the majority membership—the working class core—of the Socialist party who had been expelled by the conservative majority. The conditions which gave birth to the Communist party were accelerated by the imperialist war, which in America, as in other countries, proved that the existing Socialist parties had become parties of reform, adapting themselves to the needs of the capitalist class and not the needs of the working class of people.

The great sufferings created by the war gave rise to a powerful revolutionary upsurge everywhere throughout the world. It expressed itself in America in a great strike movement which spread from coast to coast. These conditions demanded a fighting Communist party able to advance and defend the true interests of the working class, in their opinion. Inspired by the wave of Socialist and anti-imperialistic revolutions in many parts of the world and by the victory of the Soviet Russian Socialist revolution, tens of thousands of Socialists, some of the finest men of the old I.W.W., militant trade unionists and others, joined to found the Communist party of the United States.

In a recent pamphlet published by the U. S. Communist party, the specific philosophy or basic purposes of the party are stated in the Communist light.

The purposes of the organization are to promote the best in-

terests and welfare of the working class and the people of the United States, to defend and extend the democracy of our country, to prevent the rise of fascism, and to advance the cause of progress and peace with the ultimate aim of ridding our country of the scourge of economic crisis, unemployment, insecurity, poverty, and war, through ridding the realization of the historic aim of the working class—the establishment of Socialism by the free choice of the majority of the American people

This statement, "to defend and extend the democracy of our country", which is in this specific instance in the U. S., is completely out of keeping with the chief aim of the Communist party to overthrow all other forms of government by means of force and violence. The Communist conception of Democracy is radically different from that in which we live. Theirs is a democracy for the few where ours is extended throughout our class system. It is a government of the people, for the people and by the elite of party members.

The Communist party struggles for the complete destruction of fascism and any other form of government that stands in the path of its expansion. It supposedly seeks to safeguard the welfare of the people and the nation, recognizing that the working class, through its trade unions and by independent political action, is the most consistent fighter for democracy as they interpret it, material freedom and *social progress*. Here is another loophole—Can there be social progress to any great extent under a Communist government? With the people of the country on an entirely equal basis, it seems highly improbable that there would be any chance for economic advancement of the individual. Under our Capitalistic democracy, everything has become highly competitive. It feeds on

the personal initiative of its subjects. Initiative in this country is rarely stunted. The actual percentage to reach the economic peak is not as great as that of the failure or mediocre businessman, however, there is a definite goal to strive for. Is there any such ultimate goal under Russia's present day Communism? The Communist party believes that the final abolition of exploitation and oppression, of economic crises and unemployment, of reaction and war, will be achieved only by the socialistic reorganization of society; by the common ownership and operation of the national economy under a government of the people led by the working class. Americans do not believe this. The racial problem is the main hold of the Communists in this country. They strive for "complete unity" between white and negro races, especially. This is not likely to be achieved in America—cooperation yes, but not complete unity. Segregating the Negro is almost inborn in the American people. Perhaps it is not an admirable trait, however, the fact remains that it does exist and will continue only to be abolished slowly and gradually over a period of years, if abolished. Most of us do not want the Negro in our individual social life any more than he wants us in his. There is room for great advancement of the colored race in this country which will no doubt come with time if the white-black antagonism is stopped. Communism could not possibly hope to abolish this racial discrimination. The party only educates the working class, in the course of its day to day struggles, for its historic mission, the establishment of Socialism. To them Socialism is the highest form of democracy. To some Socialism may seem to be; but not Communistic Socialism. They believe their Communistic Socialism will guarantee the full realization of the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and turn the achievements of labor, science, and culture to the rise and employment of all men and women.

In its supposed struggle for democracy, peace, and social progress, the

Communist party makes an attempt to lead the American people to believe that it carries forward the democratic traditions of Jefferson, Paine, Lincoln, Frederick Douglass along with the great working class traditions of Sylvester, Debs, and the others mentioned would no doubt turn in their graves could they bear witness to this past statement.

Under Communism, the state is the supreme master over the lives and practically all activities of its citizens. In its economic aspect it is characterized, as aforementioned, by complete state ownership and control of productive property.

In its political aspect Communism makes no pretense of granting freedom. The Soviet Union and the nations it controls are rigid dictatorships. Freedom of speech and assembly are denied. In elections, there is no choice of candidates offered. There is no likelihood that Communism will ever tolerate freedom. Dissent from the government is considered treason and is punished by all powerful political police systems. If freedom were to come to the Communists, it would be a gift from those in power and not as a result of a demand from those under subjection. History gives very few examples of rulers who voluntarily relinquished absolute power.

Americans take certain rights for granted. We find it hard to realize that today, after the overthrow of the Axis powers, hundreds of millions still live in virtual slavery. Communism is an organized and ever fanatical world movement.

The Comintern (Communist International) has been organized as the instrument of the crusade to crush private capitalism. Its aims are to organize and stimulate Communist movements in all the nations of the world. Its openly professed objectives are to foster revolution in all capitalist lands. The Comintern is an agency of the state although it is distinctly separate from the Soviet Government. Its headquarters are in Moscow with the most powerful men in the Communist party as its leaders.

Little information has been released in regard to the Comintern ac-

tivities in the U. S. The "Canadian Report" however shows that several groups there worked closely with similar and more extensive rings in the U. S. It also reveals that the Tass News Agency in New York sends lengthy reports to the Soviet Union, of which only a minute fraction is used for the Soviet press.

The Comintern supervises the several National Communist parties, in the different countries. Where they are weak, it pours in funds and organizers. Where they are strong it directs policy in accord with a master plan. The basic organization of these groups is a club, which organizes in communities, basic cities, townships, rural areas and shops. The officers and executive committees are elected by membership and is done through secret ballot once a year. The clubs meet twice a month. A state convention is held every two years. (Delegates are elected on a basis of numerical strength). At this time a state committee is elected by secret ballot and majority vote. It is composed of regular and alternate members. Two years membership in party is required for eligibility. Their responsibility is to carry out convention decisions and to direct activities of state between conventions. From the State committee comes state board members and chairman. Often district organizations are established by the National Committee. These frequently establish sub-divisions in the city and county as well.

All delegates must make activity reports to a body which elected them.

The National convention is the highest of the Committees in power. It meets every two years and has the authority to make the decisions both political and organizational. This National Committee elects the above mentioned National Committee by majority vote. Here the requirement is four years faithful membership. It meets every three years and supervises and guides the political workings of the party to be later decided upon by the National Convention. Also along with it is the National Review Committee which reviews the integrity of the members and is strictly a pre-

cautionary organization.

Communists go to every extreme and take every precaution needed to prove or disprove a point.

For any conduct or action which is harmful to the working class and the nation as well as to the interests of the party, violation of decisions of its leading committees or of Constitution, financial irregularities, or other conduct which is unbecoming to a member of the party, he may be punished by the following techniques:

- (1) removal from posts of leadership, or
- (2) by being driven from membership.

If any committee uses such conduct or action, it may be punished by removal of the committee by the State or National Committee, which would then order new elections for said committee.

If a member speaks in favor of any form of racial, national, or religious discrimination, he may be also driven out of membership (expulsion).

Personal or political relations with enemies of the working class and nation are opposed in character with membership in the Communist party.

Any member of the Communist party has the privilege of making charges against individual members or committees. If the member holds a charge against another fellow member, he writes to the club of which he is a member or to the leading committee having jurisdiction. Clubs act against anyone who holds membership and all charges are immediately taken care of. The club or leading committee, having the jurisdiction has the right to decide, by majority vote upon any disciplinary measure, including expulsion.

Membership in the Communist party is a highly intensified procedure. It may, however, be granted to any resident of the U. S. eighteen years of age or over regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or religious belief, with Communistic tendencies or views. At first the individual so inclined is invited to join a pro-communistic organization. After a few months of satisfactory

activity he becomes a "sympathizer." At a still later date, he applies or is asked to apply for true membership in the party. He must undergo a probationary period ranging from six to three years. His friends and associates are requested to present their opinions of him; his statements and written examinations are carefully examined. Only after he has successfully passed every test is he admitted to membership.

Why people become communists is a difficult question for me or any anti-communist to answer. To some people it is a perverted form of idealism, a worldly substitute for religion, a maladjusted outlet. Many are no doubt swayed by the propaganda of Soviet life. These individuals are aware of the faults in our system and have been led to believe that in Russia none of these evils exist. When faults of Communism are brought to their attention, they dismiss the charges as capitalistic propaganda or else consider them as transitional evils to be overlooked in "the great promise of the future." In some intellectuals the urge to remake the world tends to run away with them. It be-

comes a corrupt philosophical theory; a tendency to represent things in ideal form.

A few confused liberals become entangled in the snares of Communism not realizing the harmful effects of their word "Joiners."

A scientist or movie star is often highly impressed by false flattery. They may be asked to address the audience of a political meeting. In Hollywood, Communists arranged a meeting peopled by movie stars and scientists, each group attracted by the prospect of meeting the other. This organization is known as the *Screen Writers Guild*. It is one of many organized appeal groups of the Communist party of this country. They have left no territory uncovered. Almost every conceivable group in society has been accounted for through some organized group of communist leaders . . . The *American Youth for Democracy* movement, the *National Negro Congress*, the *National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*, the *International Workers Order* for foreign born, the *I.C.C.* or *Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences, and Professions*, the

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American Veterans Committee, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the Radio Writers Guild and a number of others.

The Negro in America is a pawn for the Communist party, objective to overthrow current capitalistic economy. He, the Negro, is prey to the various incidious fellow traveler communist groups which picture the American Negro as a martyr and as a subjugated people notwithstanding the record and progress the Negro has made since 1865.

In the South, the Negro is governed by a conservative majority which he feels will not give him the rights he demands as he learns more and more from certain pseudo-liberals who seem to be fronts for the Communist party in the eyes of the prevailing regime.

It is perhaps timely to approach here the methods of fighting Communism. Realization that Communism cannot endure public observation is significant. By keeping the spotlight on these organizations by the Department of Justice may be a worthwhile attempt to drown it out in this country.

Labeling anyone "Communist," "Red Baiter," etc. is a jeopardizing factor to say the least. It should be avoided. Another point to stress is that liberals and progressives should not be confused with Communists—they are quite different. Any American who is a party to the violation of human rights is playing directly into the hands of Communists. Far too many people are hoodwinked by communistic propaganda that claims one thing yet means the destruction of our American ideal. Expose it with the truth. Unshield the inner meaning behind the outer form. Communistic rabble rousers should be banned from any group which tends to mold opinion such as radio, schools, newspapers, churches and screen. Don't go along in thought with those who incessantly and increasingly criticize our government to such a point as to make it appear inferior and incapable to others.

By bringing these methods of fighting Communism to bear, I do

not mean to be misleading so far as to say our present capitalistic system is incomparable or unsurpassable. It is by no means a perfect democracy, however, it is the closest to true democracy any country has obtained thus far. Any government needs improvement but not complete upheaval. Abandonment of one and obtaining of another solves no problem. How is any advancement to be made without a working government to improve on that specific belief.

By drawing complete parallel between Bolshevism (Communist Socialism) and Liberal Democracy, I might better show the advantages of our capitalistic system.

BOLSHEVISM

(Communist Socialism)

1. Economic aspects of society are fundamental. Political aspects of society are secondary. The *community of workers* is supreme.

2. Originally opposed to *Nationalism*. *Class* consciousness is international. Advocates principle of international *reorganization* and *collaboration*.

3. Emphasizes the primary importance of the individual producer in a "Collectivist" society; a limited *democratic* concept.

4. Seeks to destroy *private enterprise capitalism*. Relies upon *state capital*. Seeks to avoid *speculative* elements of *laissez-faire capitalism*.

5. Private property rights strictly limited. *Nationalization* or cooperative ownership of land, natural resources, public utilities, banking, and the major agencies of economic production.

6. Attempts to achieve a *classless* society. Liquidation of economically parasitic and ideologically objectionable classes. Abolition of social caste distinctions.

7. *Non-imperialistic*, in the usual historical, military, and diplomatic sense at least. (It has been impossible for the U.S.S.R. to adhere to this principle under the conditions of war and the post-war "power politics." Spheres of influence and some actual annexations indicate a return to imperialism.)

8. Approves of an *international*

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economy and an international organization of the *proletariat*. Internal economic development aims to raise the *national* standard of living. Opposed to principle of unregulated exploitation of resources and of human labor.

9. Government *for* the people and in a limited sense of the people, but *by* Soviet Councils of *Party* members.

LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

1. Political and economic aspects of society are of equal significance, but should be mutually as independent as possible. The will of a majority of the entire citizenry is supreme.

2. Generally accepts the principles of *nationalism* and *sovereignty* but condemns their abuses as inconsistent and dangerous. *International* humanitarian cooperation is advocated in spite of competitive economic private enterprise outside the state.

3. Emphasizes the importance and the civil rights of each individual regardless of race, class, or other social or economic distinctions. Principle of equalitarianism.

4. In its traditional republican forms it seeks to foster *free private enterprise capitalism*. Opposed to a "regulated" economy. Permits but does not advocate *Speculative* aspects of the economic system.

5. Stresses "sanctity" of private property rights as a basis for individualism. Opposes *nationalization* of most economic activities and forms of wealth. These are held to be more fundamental to *individual* rights than to *state* requirements.

6. Social and economic *classes* should not impose either unequal privilege of restraint upon the individual in the free exercise of his civil rights. Approves of a *classless* and cooperative society, but does not "regiment" its citizens in an effort to establish such a society.

7. Disapproves of military *imperialism*, but its almost unlimited extension of competitive enterprise, inevitably results in various forms of *imperialistic* activity. Aggressive *national* policy is considered inconsistent with the democratic ideal.

8. Approves of as *self-sufficient* an

economy as possible, in addition to a flourishing *international* economy in the interests of the *national* community, or attempts to reconcile *economic internationalism* with *political nationalism*.

9. Government *for* the whole people, of the people, and *by* the elected representatives of the citizens.

Perhaps the most prominent leaders of the Communist party in this country are: Eugene Dennis, who was and may still be general secretary. He has written a great portion of Communist propaganda published in pamphlet form in the *Daily Worker* of America. William Foster, National Chairman; Betty Gannett, Assistant Organization Secretary; "Mother" Ella Reeves Bloor, the Communists so called "beloved militant and oldest charter member." Robert Thompson, Communist State Chairman; John Williamson, Labor Secretary; Steve Nelson, national group director; Louis Weissstoch, AFL painters union head, Elizabeth Curly Flynn, Women's Commission chairman; Jack Stachel, chairman of negotiations on publication and education.

Thus in summarizing the place of the Communist party in American politics I have tried to present facts to the best of my knowledge, and have tried, although not very successfully for obvious reasons, to be objective. The whole policy of the Communist party seems to me to be highly illogical and unsound but I believe knowledge of its aims and objectives is a matter of vital importance to every American, in that we cannot condemn without we ourselves being condemned; we cannot exorcise this evil without a thorough understanding of its various implications.

Oliver was careless about his personal belongings. When his mother saw clothing scattered about the floor and chair she inquired, "Who didn't hang up his clothes when he went to bed?"

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—"Polaris"

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hope that each analysis will mark progress, for us, and for the ranks of the larger "we" to which we all belong.

As editor of the EPAULET this past year, I am well able to criticize what I have and have not done. In the realm of the "what could have been," I realize all too well that I have fallen short of the standard. The new editor has established herself where I left off. To her and to her staff, I leave the best wishes and the highest recommendations. I hope that Mary Washington will cooperate to make her venture a profitable one . . . because only through the combined efforts of the entire student body can her attempts and aims materialize. It will be another year before another "last analysis" and, with that in view, we, the out-going staff and editor, wish the incoming staff and editor every success!

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"What did he do?"

"He turned off the light."

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